

## **MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE SOUTH WEST BRANCH OF THE BCS HELD AT THE PACKHORSE INN, SOUTH BRENT ON MARCH 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2008**

**Present:** Prof S Furnell (SF), Dr P Dowland (PD), Mr K Chamberlain (KC), Mr E Draper (ED), Ms J Kneller (JK), Dr J Fieldsend (JF), Mr. Chris Cooper (CC), Ms S Karatzouni (SK),

**Apologies:** Dr S Atkinson (SA), Dr N Clarke (NC)

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM MEETING 14<sup>th</sup> January**

The minutes were accepted as a correct record.

- School's Competition – There had been insufficient entries received, so it was agreed to hold the competition over until the next security workshop
- Student Project – Will take place, but without a presentation evening, as it was impossible to agree a date between Exeter and Plymouth. The competition will be promoted to both universities, and judging will take place online via branch website.

### **EVENTS PROGRAMME – 2007-08**

- Max Hughes re Health Informatics – **SF to follow up possible dates**  
Now scheduled for Tuesday 29th April 2008 at 7.30pm in Plymouth.
- **February** – Freeform Dynamics was well attended and the video will be made available via Branch website
- **March** – Dr. Michael Evans on “ProBlogging: Money, Metrics and Mentalism in the Long-Tail world of the Web” rescheduled to 17<sup>th</sup> at Plymouth
- AGM at Exeter University on 13<sup>th</sup> May, AGM at 7pm, Speaker 7:30. **KC to contact Netgear for speaker on Wireless networking.**  
Food to be organised – **Agreed to order 20 x option 5 and 20 x option 6 buffet selections (all at £8.50/head)**
- Agile IT are available for an evening later in the year – **JF to follow up**

The initial event was recorded with SF's own video camera, but does not have good sound quality. The committee discussed purchase of a camera with external sound. **Agreed that this should be investigated, and progressed if budget allows.**

Information about an environmental event was circulated and will be posted to website and email list.

### **SPRING BRANCHES CONGRESS**

SF & NC to attend and represent the Branch.

KC will attend as nominee for election to BMC.

## **FINANCE MATTERS**

This year £1482 had so far been spent (including Student prizes), out of the £3988 budget. Provision of £500 to purchase prizes for Schools competition was agreed.

## **BCS HQ MATTERS**

Last years events statistics have been sent to HQ.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- New universities planned may include North and South Devon – **Branch committee agreed that it would wish to involve them in the Branch**
- All Committee members indicated that they would be willing to stand for re-election at the AGM.
- CC & JF need to be added to committee – **SF to inform BCS HQ**

It was agreed that the next committee meeting will take place prior to April presentation:

**Tuesday April 29<sup>th</sup> 2008, 7.00pm at Portland Square Building, University of Plymouth.**

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